

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 130

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Patsy Stair-Lomeli of Clinton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Patsy Stair-Lomeli; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stair-Lomeli was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Anderson County on February 6, 1935, Patsy Stair-Lomeli was the daughter of John and Bertha Sharp Fraker; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stair-Lomeli devoted her career to serving the citizens of Anderson County, working in the offices of the County Clerk, Register of Deeds, County Mayor, and Trustee; she served as Deputy Trustee for seventeen years before being elected Trustee in 1974 to the first of eight consecutive terms of office; and

WHEREAS, in her first year as Anderson County Trustee, Patsy Stair-Lomeli was elected to the Board of Directors of the State Trustee Association; she later served as president of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Elected Officials and Treasurers and as a board member of the County Officials Association of Tennessee, and she held the distinction of being the first woman elected to serve as president of that august body; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stair-Lomeli was a golden member of Zion Baptist Church and a member and officer of the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, the Civitan Club, the Rotary Club, and the Anderson County-Oak Ridge Republican Party; she was also a board member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Ms. Stair-Lomeli was named Outstanding Trustee and Trustee of the Year several times by the County Officials Association of Tennessee, and she was inducted into the Anderson County Hall of Fame in 2011; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Stair-Lomeli is survived by her children, John (Sandy) Stair and Gwenda (Kenny) Ford; her stepchildren, Gisele (Bruce) Davis, Sister Celine Lomeli, Chuck Lomeli, Rhonda (Bob) Hammons, Jeffrey Lomeli, and Lawrence (Lisa) Lomeli; her grandchildren, Jonathan D. (Manda) Pyatt, Katie (Donny) Davis, Holly Stair (Jeremy) Webb, John (Laurel) Stair, Jr., Randy Ford, and Brian (Anne) Ford; and her great-grandchildren, Tori Pyatt, Tyler Pyatt, Riley Webb, Hadley Webb, Cody Davis, Dylan Davis, Zavie Ford, Zayden Ford, Zander Ford, Ellie Murrell, and Glen Murrell; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stair-Lomeli is lovingly remembered by her special cousin, JT Sharp; her treasured friend, Betty Brooks; her loving caregiver, Emilee Runkles; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred Lomeli; her children's father, Denver Stair; her brothers, Kyle (IvaDean) Fraker and Kenneth (Hazel) Fraker; and her special cousin, Marie Turner; and

WHEREAS, Patsy Stair-Lomeli leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Patsy Stair-Lomeli, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Stair-Lomeli.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.